ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT ON THE GRANT OF LEAVE TO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANCHAYATS

77. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the period for which the permanent Director of Public Health and Panchayats availed himself of leave in the year 1115;

(*b*) who was put in charge of that office during the period referred to in (*a*);

(*c*) the permanent grade of pay, actual pay, total service of the officer who was acting as or in charge of the Office of the Director during that period;

(*d*) whether the permanent Director of Public Health and Panchayats has taken leave on any other occasion in previous years; if so, when;

(*e*) what was the arrangement made to fill in that post during the period or periods referred to in (*d*);

(*f*) whether any officer was put in charge; if so, whom, his pay and service may be stated;

(*g*) whether the officer referred to in (*f*) is not in service at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Deve'opment):*

(*a*) Privilege leave for 15 days from 26th Medam, 1115.

(*b*) Dr. P. Muhamad Ali, Medical Officer for Epidemics.

(*c*) Dr. P. Muhamad Ali has put in a total service of 4 years and 6 months up to 1st Mithunam 1115 and he is drawing Rs. 145 in the grade of Rs. 125—200.

(*d*) Yes. Privilege leave for 13 days from 21st Medam 1112, and privilege leave for 4 months from 1st Vrischigam 1113 and study leave for 8 months in continuation.

(*e*) Dr. A. R. Poduval, Civil Surgeon, Trichur, was appointed as officiating Director of Public Health and Panchayats during the above periods.

(*f*) Please see answer to (*e*). He was then drawing Rs. 400. He is not in service now.

(*g*) No.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Dr. Puduval was not in charge of that office, but was acting. My question is, whether any officer of the department was put in charge of that office when, previously, that office was vacant.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, in charge also. On a previous occasion, Mr. Verghese was in charge.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is he not in service at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു് ടെക്നിക്കൽ കാളിഫിക്കേഷൻ വല്ലതുമുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ. ആ നിയമനം തെറ്റാണെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. അതുകൊണ്ടാണു് റക്കമെൻഡു് ചെയ്യാത്തതു്.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Why was he allowed to act then?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I hold that it was a mistake to put an engineer in charge of that department. As a matter of fact, I am not responsible for that. Secondly, there was no man fully qualified then, and somebody has to be in charge of the department. A direction was given to him that in all technical matters he must consult the Civil Surgeon. At that time Mr. Mohamed Ali had not the requisite qualifications. Now he is fully qualified to hold that post.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there any minimum qualification provided for the post?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly he must be a D. T. H.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Who has got longer service?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Mr. Verghese has got longer service.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it not necessary that the D. P. H. should also have some qualification in engineering, since Panchayat works have to be supervised by him?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* In that case the Diwan and myself should have all technical qualifications.

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